STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2946

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 0 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1564 H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1564, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the counties to obtain approval from the Office of Veterans' Services prior to any action that may negatively impact the State's ability to fulfill its obligation to establish and maintain veterans' cemeteries or impair the allocation of federal funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Department of Defense Civil Defense Division; Advisory Board to the Office of Veterans' Services; Military Officers Association of America, Hawaii Chapter; and Office of Veterans Services.

Your Committee finds that the State recognizes the sacrifices made by the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States and continues to honor their memory by maintaining a statewide network of veterans' cemeteries. The Office of Veterans' Services oversees the statewide network of veterans' cemeteries. While the counties have generally met the requirements set forth by the Office of Veterans' Services, to ensure the allocation of federal funds, the counties must comply with all federal requirements. This measure promotes greater compliance by the counties and

awareness of the potential implications of the counties' actions on the State and the receipt of federal funds.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1564, H.D. 1 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

WILL ESPERO, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Seventh Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs PSM

1	e Referral: , WAM	Da	te: 3/13/	14
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)				
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)				
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				
GREEN, M.D., Josh				
SLOM, Sam				
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TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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